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*Kinship of James Anthony Lillis*

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Name	Birth date	Relationship with James Lillis
Amend, Clair		1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
Amend, Dewey		1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
Amend, Dora		1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
Amend, Oletha		1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
Amend, Willie		1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
Baker, Rhoda	May 18, 1829	3rd great-grandmother of the wife
Baylis, Arron Richard	May 11, 1995	1st cousin once removed of the wife
Baylis, Isaac Basil	August 9, 1990	1st cousin once removed of the wife
Baylis, Jamie Amaris	November 29, 1983	1st cousin once removed of the wife
Baylis, John Lowey	November 29, 1983	1st cousin once removed of the wife
Beach, Billy Kyle	July 11, 1989	4th cousin once removed of the wife
Beach, Megan Alyse	July 22, 1987	4th cousin once removed of the wife
Beech, Carl Dwaine	July 1, 1977	4th cousin of the wife
Beech, James Ford	October 4, 1965	4th cousin of the wife
Beech, Rodney William	May 4, 1968	4th cousin of the wife
Beech, Troy Dewayne	January 30, 1989	4th cousin once removed of the wife
Billie		Wife of the 1st cousin once removed
Billie		Wife of the 1st cousin once removed
Bond, Tammey Jean	July 29, 1964	1st cousin of the wife
Bond, Teresa Marie	October 25, 1961	1st cousin of the wife
Bond, Terry Wayne		1st cousin of the wife
Booth, Emily Nicole	July 25, 1992	4th cousin once removed of the wife
Breland, Matilda	1847	2nd great-grandmother of the wife
Breland, Reuben R.		3rd great-grandfather of the wife
Buckert, James Gregory	June 18, 1961	4th cousin of the wife
Buckert, Jena Lee	December 25, 1962	4th cousin of the wife
Buckert, Jo Ann Marie	January 31, 1959	4th cousin of the wife
Bundy, Nancy Jane		3rd great-grandmother of the wife
Carey, Almeda	July 27, 1860	2nd great-grandaunt of the wife
Carey, Bertha	February 19, 1875	2nd great-grandmother of the wife
Carey, Marietta	August 29, 1861	2nd great-grandaunt of the wife
Carey, Samuel		3rd great-grandfather of the wife
Clark, Ada		Grandaunt
Clark, Charlie		Granduncle
Clark, Claud		Granduncle
Clark, Clifton		Granduncle
Clark, George Washtington		Granduncle
Clark, Gustie		Grandaunt
Clark, Henry Washington		Great-grandfather
Clark, Mandy		Grandaunt
Clark, Ola Mae	July 17, 1914	Grandmother
Clements, Alcy		4th great-grandmother of the wife

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Cooksey, Dana	August 8, 1969	4th cousin of the wife
Cooksey, Rhonda	February 21, 1972	4th cousin of the wife
Cooper, Sharon Lynn		3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Cooper, Susan Kathleen		3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Crawford, Edith Carey	April 11, 1903	Great-grandmother of the wife
Crawford, Harvey S.	June 28, 1862	2nd great-grandfather of the wife
Crawford, Lois Harvena	March 30, 1901	Great-grandaunt of the wife
Creel, Angela Jeanette	December 20, 1960	4th cousin of the wife
Creel, Ellien		Wife of the granduncle
Creel, Michael Harold	July 1, 1963	4th cousin of the wife
Davenport, Sally Ann	October 5, 1975	2nd cousin of the wife
Entrekine, Alma Corrine		Grandmother of the wife
Entrekine, Ann		Grandaunt of the wife
Entrekine, Delmer		Granduncle of the wife
Entrekine, Hilton		Granduncle of the wife
Entrekine, Lois		Grandaunt of the wife
Entrekine, Manuel		Granduncle of the wife
Entrekine, Pearl		Grandaunt of the wife
Entrekine, Wilmer		Granduncle of the wife
Entriken, Norman David		Great-grandfather of the wife
Evans, Danielle		4th cousin of the wife
Evans, Gary Wayne	August 25, 1948	3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Evans, Janice Elaine	January 6, 1946	3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Evans, Sandra Lorraine	January 5, 1950	3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Fleming, Anthony Scott	February 10, 1963	4th cousin of the wife
Fleming, Elizabeth Ann	December 30, 1969	4th cousin of the wife
Fleming, Erica W.	March 8, 1974	4th cousin of the wife
Fleming, Harvis Jeanette	September 2, 1940	3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Fleming, James Troy	March 6, 1951	3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Fleming, Kimberly	January 5, 1981	4th cousin of the wife
Fleming, Kristi	December 18, 1984	4th cousin of the wife
Fleming, Linda Irene	December 18, 1949	3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Fleming, Marcella Alane	May 1, 1965	4th cousin of the wife
Fleming, Melba Fay	October 8, 1943	3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Fleming, Monte Newton	September 14, 1957	3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Fleming, Stephen Douglas	December 14, 1941	3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Ford, Cara Lynn	September 25, 1972	Wife
Ford, Garey Leon	October 22, 1943	Father-in-law
Ford, Zacharey Douglas	August 16, 1977	Brother-in-law
Garey, Agnes		1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
Garey, Arlie		Half great-grandaunt of the wife
Garey, Byrd Carey	February 11, 1925	Grandmother of the wife
Garey, Charles		Half great-granduncle of the wife

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Garey, Clarence		1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
Garey, Ella Mae		Half great-grandaunt of the wife
Garey, Elva		1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
Garey, Ethel		1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
Garey, Frank		1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
Garey, Gail Elaine	March 7, 1961	1st cousin once removed of the wife
Garey, Henry	July 10, 1824	3rd great-grandfather of the wife
Garey, Infant		Great-grandaunt/uncle of the wife
Garey, Isaac Newton	1850	2nd great-granduncle of the wife
Garey, James Buchannan	October 30	2nd great-granduncle of the wife
Garey, James Clair	May 28, 1967	1st cousin once removed of the wife
Garey, James Dayton	February 21, 1931	Granduncle of the wife
Garey, John Dayton	October 2, 1852	2nd great-grandfather of the wife
Garey, John Sherman	August 5, 1922	Granduncle of the wife
Garey, John Sherman, Jr.	September 10, 1956	1st cousin once removed of the wife
Garey, Karen Jane	December 30, 1955	1st cousin once removed of the wife
Garey, Kate		1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
Garey, Laura		1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
Garey, Lucille		Great-grandaunt of the wife
Garey, Marsha Lee	November 13, 1951	1st cousin once removed of the wife
Garey, Marshall William	October 11, 1899	Great-grandfather of the wife
Garey, Marshall William, Jr.	March 1, 1927	Granduncle of the wife
Garey, Mary Elizabeth	1856	2nd great-grandaunt of the wife
Garey, Michael James	November 15, 1956	1st cousin once removed of the wife
Garey, Myrtle		Half great-grandaunt of the wife
Garey, Otto		1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
Garey, Ralph		Great-granduncle of the wife
Garey, Robert Crawford	February 8, 1934	Granduncle of the wife
Garey, Robert Crawford	November 13, 1959	1st cousin once removed of the wife
Garey, Rosa Zell		2nd great-grandaunt of the wife
Garey, Ruth		Great-grandaunt of the wife
Garey, Sarah Ann	January 11, 1959	1st cousin once removed of the wife
Garey, Susan Edith	October 1, 1955	1st cousin once removed of the wife
Garey, William H.	1866	2nd great-granduncle of the wife
Garey, William Patrick	July 11, 1953	1st cousin once removed of the wife
Geiger, Claude Larry	October 29, 1946	3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Geiger, James Wesley	September 12, 1943	3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Geiger, Janet Marie	October 28, 1941	3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Goss, Georgia Carol		3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Hand, Danny Lee, Jr.	October 23, 1993	Son of the wife
Hand, Garey Richard	October 12, 1995	Son of the wife
Hayes, Timothy Ryan	February 4, 1978	4th cousin of the wife
Hembree, Cecil		1st cousin once removed

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Hembree, Nancy		2nd cousin
Hembree, Randy		2nd cousin
Hembree, Thurmand		Husband of the grandaunt
Hembree, Tommie		2nd cousin
Hendon, Aaron		4th great-granduncle of the wife
Hendon, Alice		3rd great-grandaunt of the wife
Hendon, Benjamin Norris		4th great-grandfather of the wife
Hendon, Benjamin Norris, Jr.		3rd great-granduncle of the wife
Hendon, Elijah		4th great-granduncle of the wife
Hendon, Elizabeth		4th great-grandaunt of the wife
Hendon, Elizabeth		5th great-grandaunt of the wife
Hendon, Hannah	1727	5th great-grandaunt of the wife
Hendon, Isham C.	1775	5th great-grandfather of the wife
Hendon, Isham, Jr.		4th great-granduncle of the wife
Hendon, James		4th great-granduncle of the wife
Hendon, James William		3rd great-granduncle of the wife
Hendon, John C.		3rd great-granduncle of the wife
Hendon, Josias		5th great-granduncle of the wife
Hendon, Louisa		3rd great-grandaunt of the wife
Hendon, Nancy		3rd great-grandaunt of the wife
Hendon, Nancy		4th great-grandaunt of the wife
Hendon, Simon Peter		3rd great-granduncle of the wife
Hendon, Stephen		3rd great-granduncle of the wife
Hendon, Thomas		3rd great-granduncle of the wife
Hendon, Virginia		3rd great-grandmother of the wife
Hendon, William	1723	5th great-granduncle of the wife
Hindon, Josias	1700	6th great-grandfather of the wife
Hindon, Richard		6th great-granduncle of the wife
Hogsten, Heather Nicole	August 14, 1984	4th cousin of the wife
Hogsten, Holly Renee	August 14, 1984	4th cousin of the wife
Hogsten, Lindsey Marie	July 30, 1979	4th cousin of the wife
Johnson, Keziah		5th great-grandmother of the wife
Jones		4th cousin of the wife
Jones, Alfred	1900	1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
Jones, Alfred Ulman		Great-grandaunt of the wife
Jones, Angel Noel	December 20, 1984	4th cousin of the wife
Jones, Anissa		4th cousin of the wife
Jones, Annida Kay	March 31, 1950	3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Jones, Artimisia	1873	2nd great-grandaunt of the wife
Jones, Audrey Faye		2nd cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Basil Talmadge		Grandfather of the wife
Jones, Bertie Mae		1st cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Beth Arlyn	July 11, 1966	3rd cousin once removed of the wife

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Jones, Boaz	1887	1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
Jones, Boaz, Jr.	December 7, 1923	2nd cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Boyd		1st cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Brittany Alicia	January 4, 1991	4th cousin once removed of the wife
Jones, Bruce		3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Jones, Bruce, Jr.		4th cousin of the wife
Jones, Brunette		Great-grandaunt of the wife
Jones, Chana Alisa	May 5, 1985	4th cousin of the wife
Jones, Charles Anthony	March 8, 1961	3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Jones, Charles Porter	July 22, 1889	1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
Jones, Christina		2nd great-grandaunt of the wife
Jones, Christon Antoinette		4th cousin of the wife
Jones, Connie		3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Jones, Connie Sue	September 22, 1964	1st cousin of the wife
Jones, Cornelia	June 3, 1911	2nd cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, D.Wallace	September 2, 1927	2nd cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Daisey		Grandaunt of the wife
Jones, Dana Lee	June 6, 1954	3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Jones, David Ellis	August 21, 1955	3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Jones, Dawson Virgil		1st cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Dawson Virgil	August 18, 1871	Great-granduncle of the wife
Jones, Della Mae	August 18, 1925	2nd cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Dora		Grandaunt of the wife
Jones, Eliza		1st cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Elizabeth	1825	2nd great-grandaunt of the wife
Jones, Elizabeth Rebecca	November 12, 1976	4th cousin of the wife
Jones, Erma Jean	February 28, 1959	3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Jones, Fabian	January 1892	1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
Jones, Fannie	November 1893	1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
Jones, Festus		Granduncle of the wife
Jones, Floyd		1st cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Freeman III	1852	2nd great-granduncle of the wife
Jones, Freeman, Jr.	1805	3rd great-grandfather of the wife
Jones, Freeman, Sr.	1763	4th great-grandfather of the wife
Jones, George Washington		Great-granduncle of the wife
Jones, George Washington		1st cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Harrison Leander	January 21, 1883	1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
Jones, Harrison Leander, Jr.	November 28, 1920	2nd cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Harvis Marie	February 8, 1914	2nd cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Hascal		Granduncle of the wife
Jones, Herman		Granduncle of the wife
Jones, Hollis	February 3, 1916	2nd cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Infant	April 19, 1919	2nd cousin twice removed of the wife

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Jones, Janie or Janice Faye	June 26, 1920	2nd cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Jared	1985	1st cousin once removed of the wife
Jones, Jason	1988	1st cousin once removed of the wife
Jones, Jeffery Allen	February 2, 1964	3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Jones, Jeffery Caleb	January 1, 1991	4th cousin of the wife
Jones, Joyce E.		2nd cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Kyle Wayne	February 8, 1963	1st cousin of the wife
Jones, Lamar Hastings, Jr.	January 17, 1944	3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Jones, Lamar Hastings, Sr.	September 1, 1917	2nd cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Laurie Joy	September 1, 1965	4th cousin of the wife
Jones, Lloyd	October 8, 1915	2nd cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Lois	October 8, 1915	2nd cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Louis Napoleon		Great-granduncle of the wife
Jones, Lula Victoria		1st cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Maggie Ophelia	September 6, 1898	1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
Jones, Mahalia Alice		2nd great-grandaunt of the wife
Jones, Maranda P.	1842	2nd great-grandaunt of the wife
Jones, Marie	October 1, 1960	3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Jones, Martha Ann		Aunt of the wife
Jones, Martin L.	1884	1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
Jones, Merde		Grandaunt of the wife
Jones, Micah Lamar	September 11, 1967	4th cousin of the wife
Jones, Minnie Louella		1st cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Mordece	1914	2nd cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Nacin		Granduncle of the wife
Jones, Newton Augustine	December 13, 1885	1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
Jones, Norma Jean	May 12, 1946	Mother-in-law
Jones, Norris Hendon	February 16, 1841	2nd great-grandfather of the wife
Jones, Ottis		Granduncle of the wife
Jones, Pamela Jean	February 7, 1950	3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Jones, Patricia Ann	July 30, 1948	3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Jones, Preston Percell, Jr.	June 13, 1941	3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Jones, Preston Percell, Sr.	July 28, 1915	2nd cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Ray Muriel	August 29, 1933	2nd cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Rebecca	July 27, 1832	2nd great-grandaunt of the wife
Jones, Richard Wayne	July 18, 1951	3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Jones, Robert Parish		2nd great-granduncle of the wife
Jones, Samantha Ann	October 17, 1980	4th cousin of the wife
Jones, Samantha Caroline	September 28, 1849	2nd great-grandaunt of the wife
Jones, Sarah		Great-grandaunt of the wife
Jones, Sarah Virginia		1st cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Sharon Kay	June 6, 1958	3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Jones, Silas Dave		Great-granduncle of the wife

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Jones, Susan E.	1895	1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
Jones, Tommy		1st cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Tonny Gene	April 8, 1947	3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Jones, Valiree Mamie	August 6, 1920	2nd cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Vernal	July 19, 1906	2nd cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Vertis Davis		1st cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, Wayne Anthony		Uncle of the wife
Jones, William Curtis		1st cousin twice removed of the wife
Jones, William Joseph		Great-grandfather of the wife
Jones, Zachary Taylor	May 13, 1847	2nd great-granduncle of the wife
Jones, Zachary Taylor	August 26, 1937	2nd cousin twice removed of the wife
Jr, James Dewitt Lillis	October 27, 1937	Father
King, Lilly		2nd great-grandmother
Knight, Murl Leon		Grandfather of the wife
Kudron, Avery Nash	September 26, 1989	1st cousin once removed of the wife
Kudron, Roger Mark, Jr.	April 5, 1986	1st cousin once removed of the wife
Ladner		4th cousin once removed of the wife
Lee, Billy Harriel		3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Lee, Janice		3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Lee, Poitevant	August 16, 1920	2nd cousin twice removed of the wife
Lee, Reuben		3rd cousin once removed of the wife
Lee, Scott		4th cousin of the wife
Lee, Willard H.		2nd cousin twice removed of the wife
Lillis, Almeada		Grandaunt
Lillis, Arthur	July 25, 1899	Granduncle
Lillis, Bob		1st cousin once removed
Lillis, Brenda		2nd cousin
Lillis, Frank James		2nd great-grandfather
Lillis, Henry Hollis	February 23, 1909	Granduncle
Lillis, James Anthony	November 18, 1957	Self
Lillis, James Buford	October 29, 1964	Brother
Lillis, James Coleman	May 17, 1989	Nephew
Lillis, Jamie Michael	April 15, 1988	Nephew
Lillis, Jessie		Great-grandfather
Lillis, JJ		1st cousin once removed
Lillis, Keith		2nd cousin
Lillis, Kenneth		1st cousin once removed
Lillis, Larry		2nd cousin
Lillis, Lorreta		1st cousin once removed
Lillis, Mac Quincy		1st cousin once removed
Lillis, Micheal Dewayne	January 31, 1962	Brother
Lillis, Odessa		1st cousin once removed
Lillis, Pat Edward		1st cousin once removed

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Lillis, Rudolph		1st cousin once removed
Lillis, Sonny		2nd cousin
Lillis, Tynce		Grandaunt
Mac Lillis, Johnny		2nd cousin
Margia, Angie		4th cousin of the wife
Margia, Russell		4th cousin of the wife
Margia, Shannon		4th cousin of the wife
Mary		Wife of the 1st cousin once removed
Mathewes, Emma		Great-grandmother
McCormick, Emily		4th cousin of the wife
McCormick, Mark		4th cousin of the wife
McCormick, Randy		4th cousin of the wife
McCormick, Ricky		4th cousin of the wife
McCune, Arlie		1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
McCune, Carl		1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
McCune, Cleo		1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
McCune, Earl		1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
McCune, Maude		1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
McCune, Norwood		1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
McCune, Opal		1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
McCune, Pearl		1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
McCune, Stanley		1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
McCune, Stella		1st cousin 3 times removed of the wife
McIntyre, Lisa Marie	October 17, 1970	Sister-in-law
Mealey, Larrisa Kathleine	December 22, 1984	4th cousin once removed of the wife
Moran, Erin Dawn	November 29, 1987	4th cousin of the wife
Murphy, Carol Lynn	May 14, 1947	2nd cousin once removed of the wife
Murphy, Norman LeRoy	February 25, 1944	2nd cousin once removed of the wife
Nation, Ben Lue		Wife of the granduncle
Newell, Brock		Brother of the ex-wife
Newell, Rodrick		Father of the ex-wife
Newell, Sarah Elizabeth	January 10, 1975	Ex-wife
Nielsen, Cody Alexander	June 1, 1985	4th cousin of the wife
Nielsen, Eric Joseph	May 12, 1989	4th cousin of the wife
Nielsen, Katherine Danielle	July 21, 1991	4th cousin of the wife
Paris, Christina	1767	4th great-grandmother of the wife
Pennington, Ashton	November 2, 1988	1st cousin once removed of the wife
Pennington, Hannah Beth	November 28, 1997	1st cousin once removed of the wife
Pennington, Ryan	March 11, 1985	1st cousin once removed of the wife
Pennington, Shane	June 18, 1992	1st cousin once removed of the wife
Pennington, Tyler	September 22, 1995	1st cousin once removed of the wife
Poirier, Brandon Joseph	June 27, 1984	4th cousin once removed of the wife
Reiter, Edward Crawford	January 20, 1925	1st cousin twice removed of the wife

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Reiter, Lois Patricia	February 14, 1923	1st cousin twice removed of the wife
Reiter, Robert Carey	May 16, 1934	1st cousin twice removed of the wife
Robinson, Hannah		6th great-grandmother of the wife
Roe, Vicki		Mother of the ex-wife
Rogers, Bethne Lois	December 5, 1964	Sister-in-law
Sanders, Jason Paul	September 10, 1982	4th cousin of the wife
Sanders, Stuart Alexander	August 21, 1980	4th cousin of the wife
Savell, Alvie		Granduncle
Savell, Annie Lee		Grandaunt
Savell, Buford Loveless	June 6, 1914	Grandfather
Savell, Collie		Grandaunt
savell, Jean		Aunt
Savell, Julie Pearl		Great-grandmother
Savell, JV		Granduncle
Savell, Lola Mae		Grandaunt
Savell, Mary Alice	April 23, 1939	Mother
Savell, Melvin		Granduncle
Savell, Monroe		Granduncle
Savell, Ruthy Ann	February 2	Aunt
Savell, Willie Bee		Grandaunt
Simmons, Mary Leona		Great-grandmother of the wife
Smith, Debra Lain		1st cousin
Smith, Donna Danielle	June 19, 1968	4th cousin of the wife
Smith, Kimly Ann		1st cousin
Smith, m. Wayne		Husband of the aunt
Smith, Rhonda Michelle	September 9, 1964	4th cousin of the wife
Somthing, Stringfellow		Husband of the 1st cousin once removed
Sr., James Dewitt Lillis	April 17, 1912	Grandfather
Stephenson, Catherine Lee	March 14, 1990	4th cousin of the wife
Stewart, Justine Michael	October 28, 1988	4th cousin once removed of the wife
Stickland, Bill		Granduncle
Stickland, F		Grandaunt
Stickland, Lora		Grandaunt
Stickland, William Oscar		Great-grandfather
Stickland, Zelma Ruth	July 10, 1912	Grandmother
Stockstill, Emily		Great-grandmother of the wife
Strickland, Kinch		2nd great-grandfather
Terry, Johnathan Zackery	December 15, 1986	4th cousin of the wife
Ward, Mary		Wife of the granduncle
Williams, Minnie	1872	2nd great-grandmother of the wife
Woff, Zack Ridge	December 22, 1990	4th cousin once removed of the wife

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Beverly Alan		
Clair Amend		
Dewey Amend		
Dora Amend		
Edward Amend		
Oletha Amend		
Willie Amend		
Annie		
Ardella		
Bertie Jewel Armstrong		
Rhoda Baker	May 18, 1829	July 19, 1906
Barbara		
Barber		
Buddy Barber		
Shirley Barber		
Cara Lynn Bates		
Erica Marie Bates		
Larry Bates		
Arron Richard Baylis	May 11, 1995	
Isaac Basil Baylis	August 9, 1990	
Jamie Amaris Baylis	November 29, 1983	
John Lowey Baylis	November 29, 1983	
Billy Kyle Beach	July 11, 1989	
James Beach		
Kevin Beach	August 16, 1962	
Megan Alyse Beach	July 22, 1987	
Doris Inez Beard		
Carl Dwaine Beech	July 1, 1977	
Homer Beech		
James Beech	May 3, 1943	
James Ford Beech	October 4, 1965	
Rodney William Beech	May 4, 1968	
Troy Dewayne Beech	January 30, 1989	
Billy Nash Bond		
Lewis Bond		
Marinda Bond	1881	1962
Tammey Jean Bond	July 29, 1964	
Teresa Marie Bond	October 25, 1961	
Terry Wayne Bond		
Emily Nicole Booth	July 25, 1992	
Jack Booth		
Phil Booth	May 28, 1967	
Ella Rae Boyer	February 2, 1898	
Jennifer Gail Breland		
Matilda Breland	1847	March 16, 1915
Reuben R. Breland		
Roy Don Breland		
Edward Randolph Broadus	1879	1964
Eli Broadus		
John Ira Broadus		
Moses Broadus		
George Paul Buckert		
James Gregory Buckert	June 18, 1961	

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Forrest Zeno Goss, Sr.		
Georgia Carol Goss		
Patrick Murdock Grattan	March 1, 1850	November 26, 1927
Lee Griffing		
Mylinda Griffing	September 18, 1969	
Clyness Halcom		
<del>David Lee Hand</del>		
<del>David Lee Hand, Jr.</del>		
<del>David Lee Hand, Sr.</del>	October 23, 1993	
Garey Richard Hand	October 12, 1995	
John L. Harris		
Nettie Mae Harris-Fornea	1897	1968
Terry R. Hayes		
Timothy Ryan Hayes	February 4, 1978	
Richard Hayley		
Aaron Hendon		
Alice Hendon		
Benjamin Norris Hendon		
Benjamin Norris Hendon, Jr.		
Elijah Hendon		
Elizabeth Hendon		
Elizabeth Hendon		
Hannah Hendon	1727	
Isham C. Hendon	1775	1801
Isham Hendon, Jr.		
James Hendon		
James William Hendon		
John C. Hendon		
Josias Hendon		
Louisa Hendon		
Nancy Hendon		
Nancy Hendon		
Simon Peter Hendon		
Stephen Hendon		
Thomas Hendon		
Virginia Hendon		
William Hendon	1723	
Dot Henly		
Miriam Hester		
Iona Hill		
Josias Hindon	1700	1738
Lydia Hindon		
Lydia Hindon		
Richard Hindon		
Richard Hindon		
William Hindon	1723	
Matilda Hockett	1864	March 24, 1889
Heather Nicole Hogsten	August 14, 1984	
Holly Renee Hogsten	August 14, 1984	
Lindsey Marie Hogsten	July 30, 1979	
Scot Hogsten	March 10, 1959	
Liza Holcomb		
Ruth Holley		
Andrew J. Holloway		



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Name	Birth date	Death date
Bertha Holloway	January 1, 1928	May 14, 1972
Barbara Ann Hunt	August 8, 1929	
Priscilla Jacobs		
Jeanette		
Jacob Johnson		
Keziah Johnson		
Jones		
Alfred Jones	1900	
Alfred Ulman Jones		
Angel Noel Jones	December 20, 1984	
Anissa Jones		
Annida Kay Jones	March 31, 1950	
Artimisia Jones	1873	
Audrey Faye Jones		
Basil Talmadge Jones		
Bertie Mae Jones		
Beth Arlyn Jones	July 11, 1966	
Boaz Jones	1887	1956
Boaz Jones, Jr.	December 7, 1923	March 4, 1992
Boyd Jones		
Brittany Alicia Jones	January 4, 1991	
Bruce Jones		
Bruce Jones, Jr.		
Brunette Jones		
Chana Alisa Jones	May 5, 1985	
Charles Anthony Jones	March 8, 1961	
Charles Porter Jones	July 22, 1889	May 22, 1989
Christina Jones		
Christon Antoinette Jones		
Connie Jones		
Connie Sue Jones	September 22, 1964	
Cornelia Jones	June 3, 1911	
D. Wallace Jones	September 2, 1927	September 28, 1950
Daisy Jones		
Dana Lee Jones	June 6, 1954	
David Ellis Jones	August 21, 1955	
Dawson Virgil Jones		
Dawson Virgil Jones	August 18, 1871	April 16, 1963
Della Mae Jones	August 18, 1925	
Dora Jones		
Eliza Jones		
Elizabeth Jones	1825	
Elizabeth Rebecca Jones	November 12, 1976	
Erma Jean Jones	February 28, 1959	
Fabian Jones	January 1892	
Fannie Jones	November 1893	January 1932
Festus Jones		
Floyd Jones		
Freeman Jones III	1852	
Freeman Jones, Jr.	1805	
Freeman Jones, Sr.	1763	August 26, 1835
George Washington Jones		
George Washington Jones		
Harris Jones		

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Harrison Leander Jones	January 21, 1883	November 7, 1944
Harrison Leander Jones, Jr.	November 28, 1920	October 22, 1942
Harvis Marie Jones	February 8, 1914	
Hascal Jones		
Herman Jones		
Hollis Jones	February 3, 1916	
Infant Jones	April 19, 1919	April 19, 1919
Janie or Janice Faye Jones	June 26, 1920	April 19, 1921
Jared Jones	1985	
Jason Jones	1988	
Jeffery Allen Jones	February 2, 1964	
Jeffery Caleb Jones	January 1, 1991	
Joyce E. Jones		
Kyle Wayne Jones	February 8, 1963	
Lamar Hastings Jones, Jr.	January 17, 1944	
Lamar Hastings Jones, Sr.	September 1, 1917	
Laurie Joy Jones	September 1, 1965	
Lloyd Jones	October 8, 1915	
Lois Jones	October 8, 1915	
Louis Napoleon Jones		
Lula Victoria Jones		
Maggie Ophelia Jones	September 6, 1898	January 19, 1926
Mahalia Alice Jones		
Maranda P. Jones	1842	1898
Marie Jones	October 1, 1960	
Martha Ann Jones		
Martin L. Jones	1884	
Merde Jones		
Micah Lamar Jones	September 11, 1967	
Minnie Louella Jones		
Mordece Jones	1914	
Nacin Jones		
Newton Augustine Jones	December 13, 1885	August 27, 1966
Norma Jean Jones	May 12, 1946	
Norris Hendon Jones	February 16, 1841	May 10, 1932
Ottis Jones		
Pamela Jean Jones	February 7, 1950	
Patricia Ann Jones	July 30, 1948	
Preston Percell Jones, Jr.	June 13, 1941	
Preston Percell Jones, Sr.	July 28, 1915	July 27, 1976
Ray Muriel Jones	August 29, 1933	July 29, 1950
Rebecca Jones	July 27, 1832	November 27, 1901
Richard Wayne Jones	July 18, 1951	
Robert Parish Jones		
Samantha Ann Jones	October 17, 1980	
Samantha Caroline Jones	September 28, 1849	May 19, 1938
Sarah Jones		
Sarah Virginia Jones		
Sharon Kay Jones	June 6, 1958	
Silas Dave Jones		
Susan E. Jones	1895	
Tommy Jones		
Tonny Gene Jones	April 8, 1947	
Valiree Mamie Jones	August 6, 1920	

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Vernal Jones	July 19, 1906	December 24, 1922
Vertis Davis Jones		
Wayne Anthony Jones		
William Curtis Jones		
William Joseph Jones		
Zachary Taylor Jones	May 13, 1847	August 18, 1920
Zachary Taylor Jones	August 26, 1937	
James Dewitt Lillis Jr	October 27, 1937	
Juanita		
Billie King		
Lilly King		
Mary Lavina Knight		
Muri Leon Knight		
Avery Nash Kudron	September 26, 1989	
Roger Mark Kudron, Jr.	April 5, 1986	
Roger Mark Kudron, Sr.	September 19, 1963	
Ladner		
Ladner		
Howard Ladner		
Kevin Ladner		
Larinda Landrum		
Lucious Landrum		
Maluvy Landrum	1904	
Kenneth Germain Layus		
Billy Harriel Lee		
Freeman Lee		
Gertie Lee		
Hester Fern Lee		
James Marshall Lee	August 13, 1893	September 17, 1943
James Wesley Lee		
James Wesley Lee, Sr.		
Janice Lee		
Janie Lee		
Jesse Lee		
Jesse M. Lee		
Jesse Monroe Lee		
Laura Louise Lee		
Mabel Lerline Lee	May 10, 1923	
Madge Dickerson Lee		
Madge Dickerson Lee		
Marshall Lee		
Martha Louise Lee		
Poitevant Lee	August 16, 1920	November 17, 1930
Reuben Lee		
Reuben Gaston Lee	November 18, 1894	October 10, 1969
Robert E. Lee		
Rokger Lee		
Scott Lee		
Thomas E. Lee		
Verla Sue Lee		
Willard H. Lee		
Arthur Lillis	July 25, 1899	March 1972
Barnie Lillis	July 1, 1910	October 1975
Frank Lillis	1889	

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Henry Hollis Lillis	February 23, 1909	May 1981
Herbert Lillis	September 1, 1902	August 1980
James Anthony Lillis	November 18, 1957	
James Buford Lillis	October 29, 1964	
James Coleman Lillis	May 17, 1989	
Jamie Michael Lillis	April 15, 1988	
Jessie Lillis		
JJ Lillis		
Kenneth Lillis		
Lorreta Lillis		
Mac Quincy Lillis		
Mack Lillis	January 31, 1929	December 1984
Micheal Dewayne Lillis	January 31, 1962	
Odessa Lillis		
Pat Lillis	February 4, 1933	August 1976
Pat Edward Lillis		
Pearley Lillis	1914	
Viola Lossett	July 16, 1888	October 16, 1938
John Lowe		
Johny Mac Lillis		
Beverly DeFraithe MacDonald	August 17, 1949	
Chad MacDonald	September 14, 1975	
Angie Margia		
Ross Margia		
Russell Margia		
Shannon Margia		
Joseph Martin		
Mary Olivia Mason		
Thomas J. Mason		
Emma Mathewes		
Emily McCormick		
Harold McCormick		
Johnny McCormick		
Mark McCormick		
Randy McCormick		
Ricky McCormick		
Pam McCreary		
Abner McCune	1851	1908
Arlie McCune		
Carl McCune		
Cleo McCune		
Earl McCune		
Maude McCune		
Norwood McCune		
Opal McCune		
Pearl McCune		
Stanley McCune		
Stella McCune		
Lisa Marie McIntyre	October 17, 1970	
Paul McIntyre		
Susan McKay		
Jeffery Mealey		
Larrisa Kathleine Mealey	December 22, 1984	
Mary Miller		

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Amanda Melvina Mitchell	June 3, 1891	June 9, 1922
Benjamin Franklin Mitchell		
Mike Mitchell		
Shannon Mitchell		
Thaddeus Behuskis Mitchell		
Myrtis Mitchell-Taylor		
Cleta Bertree Moore	1929	1936
Grover Chester Moore		
Leo Ward Moore		
Lethern Travis Moore		
Lita Rae Moore	June 6, 1933	
Oscar Lee Moore	November 29	
Samuel Allen Moore	June 15	May 29, 1942
Erin Dawn Moran	November 29, 1987	
Eron Crossett Moran	August 4, 1941	
Carol Lynn Murphy	May 14, 1947	
LeRoy Henry Murphy	September 28, 1923	
Norman LeRoy Murphy	February 25, 1944	
Ben Lue Nation		
Charles Lincoln Nelson	July 12, 1857	November 28, 1945
James Roy Nelson		
Mary Frances Nelson	July 23, 1950	
Roy Manuel Nelson	May 28, 1957	
Brock Newell		
Rodrick Newell		
Sarah Elizabeth Newell	January 10, 1975	
Cody Alexander Nielsen	June 1, 1985	
Eric Joseph Nielsen	May 12, 1989	
John Nielsen		
Katherine Danielle Nielsen	July 21, 1991	
Tony Nielsen	February 10, 1954	
Jim Odom		
Robin Denise Odom		
Samuel Odom		
Christina Paris	1767	1850
Alice Pearson		
Betty Pearson		
Grace Pearson		
H. L. Pearson, Jr.		
Jesse Rufus Pearson		
Jessie Mae Pearson	August 5, 1927	January 5, 1985
Leah Pearson		
Lena Pearson		
Nancy Alice Pearson		
Rebecca Pearson		
Sara Jane Pearson	June 14, 1860	December 25, 1913
Ashton Pennington	November 2, 1988	
Hannah Beth Pennington	November 28, 1997	
Jan Derwood Pennington		
Ryan Pennington	March 11, 1985	
Shane Pennington	June 18, 1992	
Tyler Pennington	September 22, 1995	
Diane Penton	March 16, 1954	
Mile Penton		

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Wanda Perkins		
Brandon Joseph Poirier	June 27, 1984	
Brannon Poirier		
Winnie Quarles		
James David Quave		
Mary Ruth Quave		
Harry F. Quick	1906	1968
Vera Fay Quick	July 14, 1940	
William J. Quick		
Alva Lemuel Reiter	October 4, 1898	
Edward Crawford Reiter	January 20, 1925	
Lois Patricia Reiter	February 14, 1923	
Robert Carey Reiter	May 16, 1934	
Kimberly Diane Richardson	May 19, 1967	
Hannah Robinson		
Vicki Roe		
Bethne Lois Rogers	December 5, 1964	
Daniel Rouse		
<del>Hester Ann Rouse</del>		
<del>Hester Ann Rouse</del>		
<del>Hester Ann Rouse</del>		
Ida Russell		
Jason Paul Sanders	September 10, 1982	
Stephen Sanders		
Stuart Alexander Sanders	August 21, 1980	
Matilda Sanford		
Alvie Savell		
Alvin Savell	January 3, 1897	October 1972
Annie Lee Savell		
Audie Savell	January 26, 1923	March 1987
Buford Loveless Savell	June 6, 1914	May 1963
Collie Savell		
J Savell	March 30, 1912	July 1986
Jean savell		
Julie Pearl Savell		
JV Savell		
Lola Mae Savell		
Lucille Savell	October 22, 1910	September 1984
Mary Alice Savell	April 23, 1939	
Melvin Savell		
Melvin Savell	December 6, 1905	April 1984
Monroe Savell		
Ruthy Ann Savell	February 2	
Ruthy Ann savell	1860	1934
Willie Bee Savell		
J. M. Seal		
Joy Seal	August 23, 1972	
Thomas A. Seal		
Tina Shannahon		
Mary Leona Simmons		
Frederick Sims		
Narcissus Elizabeth Sims		
Garland Skaggs		
Patsy N. Skaggs	March 11, 1958	

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Name	Birth date	Death date
Keith Skipper	February 28, 1966	
Lindell Keith Skipper, Sr.		
Claudia Mae Slade		
Albert Smith		
Albert Smith		
Ardella Smith		
Debra Lain Smith		
Donna Danielle Smith	June 19, 1968	
Emma Smith		
Hiram Obiff Smith, Jr.		
James Thurman Smith		
Josephine A. Smith		
Kimly Ann Smith		
Lisa Smith	August 4, 1963	
m. Wayne Smith		
Mary Pearl Smith		
Nellie Smith	1900	1980
Rhonda Michelle Smith	September 9, 1964	
William Plumer Smith		
Winnie Faye Smith		
Stringfellow Something		
Ann Sones		
Ed Sones		
Wanda Fay Sones		
Frances Louise Spence		
Alexander Spiers		
James Dewitt Lillis Sr.	April 17, 1912	
Aby Delilah Stanford		
Hannah Starkey		
Catherine Lee Stephenson	March 14, 1990	
John Allen Stephenson		
Steve L. Stephenson		
William Lane Stephenson		
Catherine L. Stevens		
Justine Michael Stewart	October 28, 1988	
Michael David Stewart		
Bill Stickland		
William Oscar Stickland		
Zelma Ruth Stickland	July 10, 1912	
Emily Stockstill		
Rachel Stockstill		
Sarah Isabelle Stockstill		
Thomas Jeremiah Stockstill		
Elizabeth Stockstille	January 6, 1875	October 24, 1940
Joshua Stocktill		
Kinch Strickland		
Martha Jane Tanner		
Jason Temple		
John David Terry		
Johnathan Zackery Terry	December 15, 1986	
Mary W. Lourinda Thigpen		
Nathan Thigpen		
Lewis Patrick Varnado		
Virginia L. Wall		

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Name	Birth date	Death date
Mary Wallace		
Mary Wallace		
Mary Ward		
Elizabeth Warden		
Harriet Warden		
second wife		
Mary Wilkins		
Bonnie Jean Williams	1918	1970
Minnie Williams	1872	January 20, 1906
Don Winters, Jr.		
Guy Woff		
Zack Ridge Woff	December 22, 1990	
Virginia C. Wright	October 26, 1926	



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H.L. Pearson had been born in 1828, "a native of Tennessee," according to a memorial written at his death in 1896. He came into the area as an orphan, by way of New Orleans and Gainesville. At the age of 13, Pearson and another boy ran away from Tennessee and came to New Orleans, where they met a third boy. The three of them went to Gainesville where they got jobs on the river boats hauling Lumber between Kiln and Gainesville. The memorial inserted into the church minutes when Pearson died stated that "by frugality and industry he gained a competence sufficient to bear himself well in life.... Be it remembered that Bro Pearson so conducted himself as to receive and merit the good opinion of all men... a more charitable man never lived."

In 1842 Virginia and Hendon Jones' prayers were answered and a Methodist church was built, close by the oak tree under which she had prayed. When the Baptists came to outnumber the Methodists, however, the church was reconstituted in 1852 as Union Baptist Church. Maison Molcomb cut the first pole for the building and W.H. Varnado was the first pastor. Freeman Jones helped in the building and he and Virginia and H.L. were all charter members.

A Center Private School was also built during this time period. Two of Peyton's children, James Wesley and Helen Caroline, attended it, as did Reuben Smith. Newt Breland would later attend, and his brother Lawson would teach.

Hardy Smith, born in 1838, the same year as Reuben Smith, came into the Caesar-Salem area with his family in 1850. He walked from his home to Center to church and became active in its work. In 1

1863 He married Sarah Jane Stanford at Center. Sarah Janes's father, Noah, had been Judge of the Courts when Center was the seat of Hancock County.

Both Noah and his wife Elizabeth, originally Methodists, were charter members of Union Baptist Church. Hardy and Sarah Jane made their home on Mill Creek five miles south of Center and continued to attend church at Union. where Hardy served as Superintendent of the Sunday School at one time and at another time as Chairman of the Board of Christian Education. He also served as Union's delegate to the Association many times, and represented it at the Southern Baptist Convention when that body met in Meridian, riding horseback most of the way since the railroad had not yet been built. Hardy Smith also pastored many small churches and missions, walking many miles to spread the gospel, often stopping to witness to people he met on the road.

Sometime between 1850 and 1860, Reuben Breland came into the area with his family. Originally a Methodist, he became a Baptist and an itinerant missionary preacher, ordained by Union Baptist Church in 1857. Like Varnado and the other missionary preachers, he also had to make his living aside from preaching, and he had a grist mill, located on Catahoula down from the old Powell place, where he and his wife Sarah Fillingin had settled with their family. Sarah Fillingin fits our picture of the pioneer woman. She wasn't afraid to hitch up the ox to the cart and go to market on the coast. She'd let it be known around that on a certain day she would be going to the coast so that anyone who wanted anything from the market could place his order or so that anyone who had anything to sell, like chickens or eggs, could have it ready when she went. And on that day, everyone knew when she was coming because he would hear her ox whip popping a mile away. She would collect the items to be sold and everyone told her what they wished her to bring back for them. She never wrote anything down. Then off to market she went. And when the popping was heard again, everyone knew that Sarah had returned from her trip and would have the things they had ordered. Reuben and Sarah had twelve children: Dawson, Roseann, Nancy, Joseph, Sarah, Mary, Matilda, Louise, Worth and

Quitman (twins), Newton, and Caroline.

Freeman Jones, Peyton Lee, W. H. Varnado, Reuban Breland:  
it was inevitable that their children would meet and marry.

Jones' son Hendon met and married Reuben Breland's daughter  
Matilda, and , Jones' daughter Rebecca met Peyton Lee's son  
James Wesley and they were married.

and H. L. Pearson met Roseann at the kilm at a candle-burning ,  
or Catholic feast day mass . They were married in 1858 and made  
their home up on the old Boaz Jones place. At first they lived in  
a little 12 x 11 log cabin hut with a dirt oven fireplace outside  
until he got the big house built . They had twelve children:

Reuben , John, Leander, Jane, Mary Ann, Alice, Rose, Ben,  
Albert, Will, Tom, and Joe. Roseann is still remembered. Mrs.  
Ben Lee once told me that during church, " When a child or  
baby cried, Aunt Roseanne would get a dipper of water first  
, and if that wouldn't satisfy it, she would have a bag of biscuits  
or syurp cookies close, and one of the two would usually  
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delivered to the saints." Like other men who preached in this wilderness, Varnado had to make a living aside from his ministry. He built the first sawmill in this section, on Catahoula near Picayune, with a capacity of 15 or 20 thousand feet per day; and he was the first to make a shipment of lumber from the county. He settled in the area of the Zack Lee place. W. H. Varnado was married three times, the last time to Emily Zachery. Among his children were Emanuel D., Louis H., Isham E., Emeline D., and Louis Patrick.

And somewhere up in North Carolina, Peyton Lee and his wife Annie decided to move south and look for a new home. They took their children and made their way into South Carolina, across into Georgia, and from Georgia over into Alabama where they got on the military road that Andrew Jackson had built for his army in 1814. Following the old military road they came to what is now north Hancock County and made camp between Hickory and Catahoula Creeks. About that time it began to rain; and it rained for days, flooding the creeks so that they could not be crossed. But by the time the rain stopped and a crossing could be made, Peyton and his family had decided to make this spot their home. And the home that the Lees made in what would become Leetown acquired the reputation of being friendly and hospitable. Annie was called Annie Good Lee, and was fun-loving. At Big Meeting time, the young girls liked to stay at Peyton and Annie's because they had so much fun, and Caroline and Elizabeth Lee often found themselves sleeping in the hay loft to accommodate guests. Peyton and Annie had six children: James Wesley, Washington, Roger, Thomas, Elizabeth, and Helen Caroline.

H. L. Pearson had been born in 1828, "a native of Tennessee," according to a memorium written at his death in 1896. He came into the area as an orphan, by way of New Orleans and Gainesville. At the age of 13, Pearson and another boy ran away from Tennessee and came to New Orleans, where they met a third boy. The three of them went to Gainesville where they got jobs on the river boats hauling lumber between Kiln and Gainesville. The memorium inserted into the church minutes when Pearson died stated that "by frugality and industry he gained a competence sufficient to bear himself well in life . . . Be it remembered that Bro. Pearson so conducted himself as to receive and merit the good opinion of all men . . . a more charitable man never lived."

In 1842 Virginia Hendon Jones' prayers were answered and a Methodist church was built, close by the oak tree under which she had prayed. When the Baptists came to outnumber the Methodists, however the church was reconstituted in 1852 as Union Baptist Church. Madison Holcomb cut the first pole for the building and W. H. Varnado was the first pastor. Freeman Jones helped in the building and he and Virginia and H. L. were all charter members.

A Center Private School was also built during this time period. Two of Peyton's children, James Wesley and Helen Caroline, attended it, as did Reuben Smith. Newt Breland would later attend, and his brother Dawson would teach.

Hardy Smith, born in 1838, the same year as Reuben Smith, came into the Caesar-Salem area with his family in 1850. He walked from his home to Center to church and became active in its work. In 1863 he married Sarah Jane Stanford at Center. Sarah Jane's father, Noah, had been Judge of the Courts when Center was the seat of Hancock County. Both Noah and his wife Elizabeth, originally Methodists, were charter members of Union Baptist Church. Hardy and Sarah Jane made their home on Mill Creek, five miles south of Center, and continued to attend church at Union, where Hardy served as Superintendent of the Sunday School at one time and at another time as Chairman of the Board of Christian Education. He also served as Union's delegate to the Association many times, and represented it at the Southern Baptist Convention when that body met in Meridian, riding horseback most of the way, since the railroad had not yet been built. Hardy Smith also pastored many small churches and missions, walking many miles to spread the gospel, often stopping to

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witness to people he met on the road.

Sometime between 1850 and 1860, Reuben Breland came into the area with his family. Originally a Methodist, he became a Baptist and an itinerant missionary preacher, ordained by Union Baptist Church in 1857. Like Varnado and the other missionary preachers, he also had to make his living aside from preaching, and he had a grist mill, located on Catahoula down from the old Powell place, where he and his wife Sarah Fillingin had settled with their family. Sarah Fillingin fits our picture of the pioneer woman. She wasn't afraid to hitch up the ox to the cart and go to market on the coast. She'd let it be known around that on a certain day she would be going to the coast so that anyone who wanted anything from the market could place his order or so that anyone who had anything to sell, like chickens or eggs, could have it ready when she went. And on that day, everyone knew when she was coming because he would hear her ox whip popping a mile away. She would collect the items to be sold and everyone told her what they wished her to bring back for them. She never wrote anything down. Then off to market she went. And when the popping was heard again, everyone knew that Sarah had returned from her trip and would have the things they had ordered. Reuben and Sarah had twelve children: Dawson, Roseanne, Nancy, Joseph, Sarah, Mary, Matilda, Louise, Worth and Quitman (twins), Newton and Caroline.

Freeman Jones, Peyton Lee, W. H. Varnado, Reuben Breland: it was inevitable that their children would meet and marry. Jones' son Hendon met and married Reuben Breland's daughter Matilda, and Jones' daughter Rebecca met Peyton Lee's son James Wesley and they were married.

And H. L. Pearson met Roseanne Breland. They met at the Kiln, at a candle-burning, or Candlemas, a Catholic feast day mass. They were married in 1858 and made their home up on the old Boaz Jones place. At first they lived in a little 12 X 14 log cabin hut with a dirt oven fireplace outside until he got the big house built. They had twelve children: Reuben, John, Leander, Jane, Mary Ann, Alice, Rose, Ben Albert, Will, Tom, and Joe. Roseanne is still remembered. Mrs. Ben Lee once told me that during church, "When a child or baby cried, Aunt Roseanne would get a dipper of water first, and if that wouldn't satisfy it, she would have a bag of biscuits or syrup cookies close, and one of the two would usually quiet it." Mrs. Lula Holloway told me that sometimes the crying child might be some distance from Aunt Roseanne and her cookies, but she would hand the cookie to the person next to her and that person would hand it to the person next to him, and the cookie would be passed all the way down the row and over to the next and on down the line until it reached its destination. Everyone knew when that had happened, because the crying suddenly stopped.

Another of Reuben Breland's daughters, Sarah, married Reuben Smith, who had come to the area as a young man and met Sarah while he was working for her father. They had eight children: Eran, Albert, Early, George Sherman, Louis Wise, Sarah Elizabeth, Reuben Oliver, and Richmond Cleveland.

Freeman Jones' other daughter, Samantha, married W.H. Varnado's son, Louis Patrick. They would have four children: America, Virginia, Frankie, and Louis Gilbert.

The Hiram Stewart family had come into the present Pearl River County area in 1840. Hiram's son Prentiss Ebenezer made his home between the present Poplarville and Steep Hollow. He and his wife had seven children: Sarah Elizabeth, George Bruner, Mary Frances, Hiram A., Emily, Annie Jane, and Zeno. George Bruner would marry H. L. and Roseanne's daughter Mary Ann, and George's sister Sarah would marry Mary Ann's brother John. Both families would settle in north Caesar, while Zeno Stewart would marry and settle in close to the Center.

But before all that, the Civil War erupted, and while there was practice drilling down by the oak tree and some of the young men left to fight, Center itself was



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physically untouched by this event. Afterwards, however, women like Samantha Jones Varnado had to contend with the jayhawkers who roamed over the area.

Indians who had evaded the reservation came occasionally to Center during those Reconstruction days, selling or trading their handmade baskets and other wares. Freeman Jones was an old man now, sitting on his front porch, visiting with the old Indian chief who came with the Indians to sell, telling stories out of the past.

But the young were still getting married and having children, pushing life forward. Freeman's son Zachery had grown up and was married, an active man in the community and church. He had a sawmill at one time, just down from Pat and Vernell Bilbo's, and later he had a grist mill. He was a surveyor and a mechanic, and a carpenter, and a constable, and a deacon. He was also the church clerk, and he chaired many committees, church and civic, and went as a delegate to church associational meetings. And if something had to be built or repaired, Z. T. Jones seems always to have got the job. He was married three times, his last wife H. L. and Roseanne's daughter Sarah Jane.

And there was Reuben Breland's son Newton. Following his father's footsteps, he, too became a preacher, going out to places unreached by anyone else, preaching and singing and leaving an influence for good.

In 1870, Reuben Breland died. In 1876, Peyton Lee died. In 1877, Freeman Jones became blind. And sometime between 1877 and 1897 the W. F. Spence family moved into Center from the Bay area.

Dr. Spence has been eulogized as a man who gave himself in service to others, attending to those who could not pay with just as much consideration and care as he gave to those who could pay. He traveled on horseback to the sick, making long, frequent trips. If the patient was critical, Dr. Spence stayed until the crises was over, sometimes for days. He represented Hancock County at the Constitutional Convention of 1890 and is credited with establishing the F and AM Lodge here at Caesar. Dr. Spence's family included Melitta, Joe, Maude, Barney.

Another man who came to this immediate area soon after the Civil War was Thomas Dossett. he and a brother, called Buddy, came from Alabama. J. R. Furr wrote vividly of Dossett at his death in 1928: "Much credit is due men like Bro. Dossett," he said, "But we are prone to forget . . . when the country was a veritable pine forest, just becoming known to the incisions of the turpentine axe, and later to the sawmill's ravages, Mr. Dossett winded his way through the pine trees along the trails that led to the little churches, and there preached from the book that has always been the forerunner of civilization in this country. Men like Mr. Dossett went about their work for the Master under different conditions than today - not for personal gain- money or favor in other men's eyes, or men's praise but because, from reading the Bible, they wanted to help their fellowmen. Inspiration from the Bible sent them among crude surroundings with their message as they pieced it together from reading the scriptures." Thomas married Sarah Parker, and some of their children were Winnie, Candace, Edward and Fannie.

Alec Spiers came courting Rebecca's daughter Lourinda and they got married and made their home in Caesar. One of their sons was George, who also settled in the Caesar area with his family.

In 1891, Freeman Jones died. In 1895, W. H. Varnado died. and in 1896, H. L. Pearson died. They had already relinquished the reins of leadership to the next generation and that generation, in turn, would soon be passing them on to the next. Life went forward. Samantha and Louis' daughter America married A. J. (Shug) Bilbo, while America's brother Louis Gilbert married A. J.'s sister Missouri. James Lee's son J. W., Jr. married H. L. and Roseanne's daughter Alice and they settled in Caesar, while James' son Robert married Laura Lee and also settled in Caesar. And Zack Jones' son Nicodemus married Lizzie Odom, but Nick would die, as would Missouri Bilbo Varnado, and L. G. Varnado and Lizzie would marry.

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By the turn of the century, quiet, peaceful little Center began to stir somnolently under the prodding of outside forces. Timber and turpentine companies had bought large tracts of the South's virgin timberlands and the Center area was included. Weston Lumber Company laid a logging railroad right through the present Caesar and two turpentine stills were built. In addition to the company stores, there were Wilson's Store, Alexander's Store, a Masonic Lodge, a high school, a church, and a sawmill or two. The Center Mercantile Company was established at the beginning of the century by Lawson Lee, Will Lee, Russell Smith, R. E. Lee, Jim Rester, Bruner Stewart, and Leander Pearson, with Rutil Mitchell as manager. Across from the Center Mercantile was Dolph and Martin Jones' blacksmith shop. Alec and Lou's son George had a store and a blacksmith shop across from Palmer's Store at one time, and Lizzie Nick had a millinery shop somewhat across from Center Mercantile. Dr. Spence's son Joe was Caesar's dentist during this period, and a Dr. Herrin practiced medicine here then. Dr. F.Z. Goss came as Caesar's doctor in 1920. All of this activity required a postoffice and one was established on January 10, 1900. The name Center could not be used since it was already in use in Attala County. So another name had to be chosen. Alpheus Batson was the first postmaster and, from reports, history-conscious: therefore, it would have natural for him to name this new postoffice after a tribe of Indians in the Pearl River County area who had called their chief Caesar, thus continuing an Indian name for the village. Dunbar Rowland, in his history, "Mississippi," published in 1907, described it: "Caesar, a postoffice in the north central part of Hancock County, situated on Catahoula Creek, about 25 miles from Bay St. Louis, the county seat. It has several stores, a church, a school, and one of the largest turpentine plants in the state. The town is located on the H. Weston Lumber Co.'s R. R. and is a prosperous place."

By 1922, however, when the postoffice was discontinued, the timber and turpentine industries had moved on, taking people and businesses with them. Other changes followed. In 1925 the school ceased to be a high school but continued as a grammar school until 1956 when it was consolidated with Carriere. Center Mercantile remained until 1969 when Camille put it out of business, leaving only Palmer's Store, which had begun business in 1939. Union Baptist Church remains. In 1975 Mrs. Lynell Lee opened Caesar's Palace, a small restaurant specializing in barbecued foods, and Caesar has its own water system now, called the Center Water Association.

These people and these events are not the only ones that made the early history of the Caesar area; they are just the bold outline, you might say; others were necessary to fill in and make the outline complete. Others came. And went. Or came later. Or worked quietly. Or simply lived their lives out. But the spirit of them all remains, and is felt, especially in this bicentennial year.



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